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In re Application of:

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Title: METHODS FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION OF PRODUCTS
FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES (as amended)

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to "METHODS FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION OF PRODUCTS FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES".

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please change the title in the Abstract of the Disclosure to "METHODS FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION OF PRODUCTS FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES".

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 3, please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/513,239, filed on February 24, 2000.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In one embodiment, the method comprises obtaining a semi-permeable container having a polymeric external surface, obtaining a metallic layer, placing the metallic layer against the external surface, and melting at least a portion of the external surface beneath the metallic layer. The metallic layer may include metallized polyester such as Mylar® metallized polyester manufactured by E.I duPont de Nemours and Company.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The method of the present invention advantageously places a protective metallic layer onto a semi-permeable container to prevent label inks and adhesives from migrating into the container. Thus, the protective layer helps to prevent contamination of the product contents.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-10 and 19-22.

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/513,239. Claims 8-10 and 19-22 have been cancelled and are being pursued in Serial No. 09/513,239. Claims 1-7 and 11-18 are being pursued in the present application.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-3389.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE:

The title on page 1, lines 1-2 has been amended as follows:

METHODS [AND CONTAINERS] FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION
OF PRODUCTS FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

The title of the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 14, lines 1-2 has been amended
as follows:

METHODS [AND CONTAINERS] FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION
OF PRODUCTS FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following paragraph has been inserted beginning on page 1, line 3:

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February 24, 2000.

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metallized polyester manufactured by E.I duPont de Nemours and Company.

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